

Welcome to the Homeless Liaison list. This listserv is a communication between the SD-DOE State Homeless Coordinator and the school districts' liaisons. Periodically, you will be receiving a short newsletter pertaining to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness. If you have questions or comments, please direct them to Laura.Johnson-Frame@state.sd.us. Where it is appropriate, your questions and comments will be shared with all liaisons across South Dakota.

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ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO ATTEND THEIR DISTRICTS, WHETHER OR NOT THE DISTRICT RECEIVES A SUBGRANT UNDER THE **McKINNEY-VENTO ACT**. DATA PERTAINING TO IDENTIFIED HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH IS REQUIRED OF YOUR DISTRICT EACH YEAR. IF YOUR DISTRICT DOES NOT RECEIVE A SUBGRANT FROM **SD DOE** AND HOMELESS CHILDREN OR YOUTH NEED SERVICES, YOUR **TITLE I PART A** SET ASIDE FUNDS SHOULD BE USED.

WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERM HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ?

THE **McKINNEY-VENTO ACT** DEFINES HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH AS INDIVIDUALS WHO LACK A FIXED, REGULAR, AND ADEQUATE NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE. THE TERM INCLUDES -

-CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO ARE:

- SHARING THE HOUSING OF OTHER PERSONS DUE TO LOSS OF HOUSING, ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, OR A SIMILAR REASON (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS DOUBLED-UP);
- LIVING IN MOTELS, HOTELS, TRAILER PARKS, OR CAMPING GROUNDS DUE TO LACK OF ALTERNATIVE ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATIONS;
- LIVING IN EMERGENCY OR TRANSITIONAL SHELTERS;
- ABANDONED IN HOSPITALS; OR
- AWAITING FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT;

-CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO HAVE A PRIMARY NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE THAT IS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PLACE NOT DESIGNED FOR, OR ORDINARILY USED AS, A REGULAR SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION FOR HUMAN BEINGS;

-CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO ARE LIVING IN CARS, PARKS, PUBLIC SPACES, ABANDONED BUILDINGS, SUBSTANDARD HOUSING, BUS OR TRAIN STATIONS, OR SIMILAR SETTINGS; AND

•/MIGRATORY CHILDREN WHO QUALIFY AS HOMELESS BECAUSE THEY ARE LIVING IN CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE.

NEED MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR EMAIL. THANKS.

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